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1. U.S. CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE HERE THURSDAY THE UNITED STATES HAS SHIFTED ITS ATTENTION TO ASIA AS A SOURCE OF NARCOTICS FOLLOWING A SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM IN STOPPING DRUG TRAFFIC FROM THE MIDEAST.
2. CONGRESSMAN WOLFF, ON A SPECIAL MISSION TO ASIA WITH CONGRESSMEN CHARLES RANGEL AND FORTNEY STARK, IS SEEKING COOPERATION OF ASIAN LEADERS IN THE CONTROL OF DRUG TRAFFIC, ESPECIALLY THE INFLUX FROM THE GOLDEN TRIANGLE AREA. THEY HAVE VISITED THE PHILIPPINES, THAILAND, LAOS, CAMBODIA, VIETNAM, HONG KONG AND TAIWAN AND CONTINUED TODAY TO SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN.
3. CONGRESSMAN WOLFF SAID HE WAS ASSURED BY PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO THAT THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA WILL GIVE "CONTINUED COOPERATION AND EVEN ADDITIONAL COOPERATION IF NECESSARY" IN THE DRUG-CONTROL EFFORT. HOWEVER, CONGRESSMAN WOLFF NOTED THAT THERE IS LITTLE PROBLEM WITH NARCOTICS IN TAIWAN.

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4. NOTING THAT HE ONCE INTRODUCED A MEASURE IN CONGRESS TO

STOP U.S. AID TO THAILAND OVER LACK OF COOPERATION IN DRUG-TRAFFIC CONTROL THERE, HE SAID HE WAS PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME OF HIS MOST RECENT TRIP TO THAILAND.

5. "AS A RESULT OF U.S. EMPHASIS ON THE PROBLEM AND THE MESSAGE WE GOT ACROSS TO (DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER) MARSHAL PRAPHAT, WE HAVE FOUND INCREASING COOPERATION FROM THE THAIS," HE SAID.

6. WITH THE WINDING-DOWN OF THE WAR IN INDOCHINA, CONGRESSMAN WOLFF EMPHASIZED THAT THE PRIMARY EFFORT OF THE U.S. NOW IS THE "WAR ON DRUGS." "WE DO NOT GROW OPIUM IN THE STATES, SO ANY HEROIN USED IN THE UNITED STATES MUST COME FROM ABROAD. THE CONGRESS AS WELL AS THE PRESIDENT HAVE INDICATED THIS IS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY WE HAVE IN THE PRESENT SITUATION." HE SAID.
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